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In re Application of :  
Phillippe J.H. Berna :  
Application No. 08/580,493 :  
Filed: December 29, 1995 : LETTER  
For: PROCESS FOR MAKING A :  
VERSATILE CLAMPING DEVICE :  
DESIGNED TO HOLD OBJECTS :  
WITHOUT DAMAGING THEM, SUCH A :  
DEVICE AND ITS USE :  
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The Office of Petition acknowledges the receipt of the communication entitled "Response to a Decision of the Office of Petitions Director," filed December 17, 2001. As previously stated in the Letter of December 17, 2001, the rules and statutory provisions governing the operations of the Office require payment of a fee upon filing a petition. In this instance, the fee required is \$130.00. See 37 CFR 1.17(h). Neither the present communication nor the petition of November 16, 2001, were accompanied by payment of the required fee. **Therefore, no consideration on the merits can be given to either the present communication or the petition filed November 16, 2001, until the required fee is received by the Office.**

Under the circumstances of this application, petitioner must file both a request for reconsideration and pay the proper petition fee of \$130.00 within **TWO (2) MONTHS** of this decision before the either the present communication or the petition filed on November 16, 2001, may be addressed on the merits. No extensions of time are permissible. The present communication and the petition filed November 16, 2001, will remain in the file until such time as petitioner has filed a request for reconsideration and paid the proper petition fee.

The application file will be forwarded to Technology Center 3700.

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